

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 09th JANUARY 2018
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 11.00 pm

Meeting concluded: 12.07 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Roger Bailey (Chairman), Councillor Alan Peak (Vice Chairman), Councillor Ray Armstrong, Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Administrator) Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager), Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker (Town Centre Partnership) Roger Brown, Jim Sellars, Sandra Sellars and Pauline Priestman.

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Karen Williams, Richard Knowles, Sue Thomas and Cllr Willis.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
3.	<p>To agree the minutes of the Weston in Bloom Working Party Meeting held on the 28th November 2017</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman highlighted some grammatical errors.</p> <p>Item 4 should read “from Nightingales” instead of “form Nightingales”</p> <p>On the last page of the minutes the top line should read “It was agreed that due to the length of time Johnny hadn’t been attending Weston in Bloom, he would be removed from the Working Party”</p> <p>Also “manger” should read “manager”</p> <p>PROPOSED: Cllr Armstrong SECONDED: Jenny Gosden</p> <p>RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3a.	<p>Review of actions from minutes of the last meeting (Update from Community and Grounds Administrator):</p> <p>The Vice Chairman wanted some clarity as to why Johnny was being removed from the Working Party and understand if he had been given chance to explain his absence. Pauline Priestman explained how Johnny thought the Council could participate in securing or providing funding for projects and also had not attended any meetings in the last 6 months. The Grounds Manager added how there had been some challenges in what Johnny wanted to achieve and how</p>

	<p>Weston in Bloom could help. The Community and Grounds Administrator (CGA) will write to Johnny now the Terms of Reference had been clarified.</p> <p><i>The Town Clerk joined the meeting at 11.10am</i></p> <p>Pauline Priestman asked how the volunteer meeting went. The CGA explained it went well with around 6 new volunteers on board.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman asked if there had been any progress on the removal of planters from Locking Road Car Park. Bev Tucker informed the Working Party that stones had appeared inside the planters with no idea as to who did this. North Somerset is unaware as to why stones had been added. This would now add further costs to moving the planters to Paddock Park. The CGA added how the cost to move these 2 planters could buy 2 brand new ones for paddock park.</p> <p>Action: CGA and Grounds Manager to bring some catalogues of planters to the next meeting.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Maintenance of Features:</p> <p>Jenny Gosden asked if the cracked planters in Worle High-street had been looked at yet. The CGA said they hadn't and will speak to the Grounds Team.</p> <p>Roger Brown said the Sainsbury boat would need volunteers to look after it. The CGA said this will be arranged closer to the planting.</p> <p>The CGA was still yet to meet with Damien from the YMCA to discuss volunteer opportunities.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Entry 2018:</p> <p>Pauline Priestman asked if there was any news on the works taking place at Alexandra Parade. Bev Tucker explained how it was now thought the works wouldn't begin until the Autumn.</p> <p>Roger Brown thought that the state of weeds in the town was unacceptable and debate ensued.</p> <p>Sandra Sellars said that the sign at Sparky the Donkey has paint on it which needs to be removed or the sign replaced.</p> <p>The CGA and Bev presented the working party with 3 route options:</p> <p>Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Westhaven (IYNA) - Residents Garden – Sue and Rod Thomas - Railway Station (IYNA) - Walk the high-street - Grove Park - Quarry or Cemetery <p>Lunch @ Grove House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the afternoon take judges to Worle (IYNA)

	<p>Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worle (IYNA) Roundabouts - Worle high-street - Sparky Donkey - Weston High-street - Westhaven (IYNA) - Residents Garden - Train Station (IYNA) <p>Lunch @ Grove House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the afternoon take judges to see some other IYNA <p>Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grove Park - High-street - Train Station - Residents Garden - Westhaven - Quarry or Cemetery <p>Lunch @ Grove House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the afternoon take judges to Worle (IYNA) <p>Discussion ensued covering all aspects such as time allowed, roads on the route, weeds and different features.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: The chosen route for 2018 is Option 1</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Monthly Finance Report:</p> <p>The CGA was unable to access her spending officer sheet so the figures were not available currently.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>The Chairman handed out a draft copy of the amended terms of reference. The few changes proposed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10 additional members of the electorate or from the local area may be co-opted onto the Working Party for a period of 4 years (to coincide with the term of the Town Council). • The minimum quorum for meetings shall be 2 councillors and 2 co-opted members. • That a co-opted member who has not attended any meetings for 6 months be subject to re co-option. • The Working Party shall normally meet every 6 weeks from January and November each year unless varied by the agreement of the Working Party

	<p>Pauline Priestman highlighted how no changes could be made unless it went to full town council. The Town Clerk agreed.</p> <p>Roger Brown said he felt the colour scheme of Red, White and Blue would not offer the wow factor WIB would like. The CGA said this point should have been mentioned months ago when the colour scheme was being decided. The plants have all been ordered.</p> <p>Roger Brown also expressed his disappointment that the only colours currently showing in the winter bedding is white. The Grounds Manager explained it will take a few months yet for all flowers to show.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman said he couldn't open up the WIB minutes on the website. The CGA explained there were ongoing issues with the website and she was currently unable to upload.</p> <p>The Town Clerk wanted to address the vandalism which had taken place outside Grove House. The police had been informed as well as the street wardens. Measures were being taken in limiting this issue from arising again.</p>
9.	Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 11.00am

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 11.45 pm

Signed:

Dated:

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